

REMARKS**INTRODUCTION:**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 2, 14, 24 and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-23, 25 and 27 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

In the Office Action, at pages 2-3, numbered paragraphs 2-4, claims 3-6 and 11-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth therein. This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 3 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 3 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 5 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 5 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 11 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 11 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 13 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 13 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 15 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 15 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 21 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 21 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 23 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 23 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 25 has been amended to delete the term "isolated." Thus, claim 25 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Since claim 13 is now submitted to be in proper form under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, claims 17-20, which depend therefrom (directly or indirectly), are submitted to be in proper form for at least the reasons that claim 13 is submitted to be in proper form under 35

U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

In the Office Action, at pages 3-8, numbered paragraphs 5-39, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489; hereafter, '489). This rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claims 2, 14, 24 and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 23, 25 and 27 have been amended. Support in the specification and drawings for the claim amendments is presented as follows. The amendment to claim 1 is supported on page 4, line 15 to page 5 line 11 and on page 7, line 36 to page 8, line 10, of the specification. In particular, the amended portion describes that the plural small holes 21 are arranged regularly at established intervals on the side of the main frame 3, to which the adhesive tape 10 is fixed. No air bubble is formed between the adhesive tape 10 and the main frame. even if air bubbles are formed, the air bubbles may be drawn off easily with the aid of the small holes 21. In addition, the present invention avoids a state in which large continuous air bubbles exist throughout a wide area.

Because the present invention avoids a state in which large continuous air bubbles exist throughout a wide area, it is submitted to be clear that the portion of the main frame to which the adhesive tape is fixed is an entire portion to which the adhesive tape is fixed. That is, it is clear that the small holes are arranged entirely on the portion of the main frame to which the adhesive tape is fixed.

The amendment of claim 13 is supported on page 5, lines 12 to 27 and on page 8, lines 11 to 30, of the specification. The amendment of claim 23 is supported on page 6, line 24, to page 7, line 2 and on page 10, lines 6 to 31, of the specification. The amendment of claim 25 is supported on page 7, lines 3 to 14 and on page 11, lines 7 to 16.

As set forth above, according to the present claimed invention, a state in which large continuous air bubbles exist throughout a wide area is avoided, although there exist small portions of the adhesive tape which do not directly contact the main frame. That is, the present invention minimizes a size of air bubbles generated between the main frame and the adhesive tape and positively controls air bubbles by the use of small holes and/or recesses arranged regularly.

The Examiner submitted that the term "isolated" raised the issue of new matter. Applicants still submit that the term "isolated" does not introduce new matter. However, the term "isolated" has been cancelled from the claims. Hence, the rejection of the claims as having the

term "isolated" therein is now moot.

The Examiner submitted that the lower surfaces of the tab and socket are shown *indirectly* contacting the adhesive tapes. It is respectfully submitted that the term "contact" is defined in Merriam-Webster Online, a copy of which is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner, as "union or junction of surfaces" or "connection." That is, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's contention that "contact" can mean "indirect" contacting. Either the elements contact the adhesive tapes or they do not. If the lower surfaces of the tab and socket do not "contact" the adhesive tapes, as is contended by Applicants, the lower surfaces of the tab and socket cannot "indirectly" contact the adhesive tapes. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that, in claim 1 of the present invention, and similarly in amended claims 13, 23, 25, and 27 of the present invention, the adhesive tapes contact the main frame, and '489 does not teach or suggest that the lower surfaces of the tab and socket contact the adhesive tapes.

Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Isohata (USPN 6,288,489) does not disclose or suggest the structure of the present claimed invention.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 27 of the present invention are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489). Since claims 3-12 and 15-22 depend from amended claims 1 and 13, respectively, claims 3-12 and 15-22 are submitted not to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489) for at least the reasons that amended claims 1 and 13 are not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by Isohata (USPN 6,288,489).

CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot, and further, that all pending claims patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited. At a minimum, this Amendment should be entered at least for purposes of Appeal as it either clarifies and/or narrows the issues for consideration by the Board.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited and possibly concluded by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss any such remaining issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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Function: *noun*

Etymology: French or Latin; French, from Latin *contactus*, from *contingere* to have contact with -- more at CONTINGENT

1 a : union or junction of surfaces **b** : the apparent touching or mutual tangency of the limbs of two celestial bodies or of the disk of one body with the shadow of another during an eclipse, transit, or occultation **c** (1) : the junction of two electrical conductors through which a current passes (2) : a special part made for such a junction

2 a : ASSOCIATION, RELATIONSHIP **b** : CONNECTION, COMMUNICATION **c** : an establishing of communication with someone or an observing or receiving of a significant signal from a person or object <radar *contact* with Mars>

3 : a person serving as a go-between, messenger, connection, or source of special information <business *contacts*>

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